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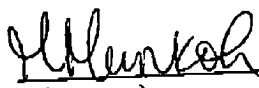
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Dear Sir/Madams:

Agent for Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated November 30, 2004 and responds in the following manner:

As requested by the Examiner, a Statement of the Substance of the Interview begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Statement of the Substance of the Interview Summary

A telephone interview was held in respect to the above-identified patent application on October 26, 2004. The participants in the Interview were: Majid A. Banankhah (Examiner), Eugene Gierczak (Agent of Record), Anthony de Fazekas (Agent) and Andrew Cheung (Inventor)

The prior art discussed was: U.S. Patent No. 6,466,981 (Levy) and U.S. Patent No. 6,614,774 (Wang).

The claimed invention was also discussed in light of Levy and Wang. No agreement was reached in respect to the claims. Rather, Agent for Application under took to provide a written response, which was sent on November 18, 2004.

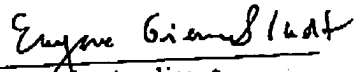
According to our records, Examiner Banankhah indicated that he would make the substance of the interview of record in the application file, however, this summary is being provided regardless.

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Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully,


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